

Lifetime Learning Institute

CELEBRATING
25 YEARS
IN COMMUNITY WITH
Bard

Council Minutes
November 17, 2025
9:01am - 9:40am
Via Zoom

Council & Committee Members Present:

Robert Beaury, Carmela Gersbeck, Collin Lovas, Jill Lundquist, Mary McClellan, Grace McKay, Chuck Mishaan, Susan Simon, L. Walker, Michael Weinstock, Eleanor Wieder

Guests: Cathy Reinis

Council & Committee Members Members Absent: Kayla Bell, Karen Kane

Call to Order

President Robert Beaury called the meeting to order at 9:01 am

Approval of Council Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes, Council Meeting October 20, 2025 by Mary, seconded by Collin, All in favor

Secretary Correspondence (not distributed)

Susan reported:

- No postal mail received, all emails received will continue to be forwarded to appropriate

Treasurer's Report

- No report

Tech Training

- Carmela has created a team of Session Managers for WinterFest

Business

Robert

- Insurance Coverage (Update)
 - We have no Liability Insurance!
 - Insurance Policy dropped 7/1/2024
 - Reason: We are not students taking classes for degrees
 - Bard Comptroller never informed us of this although we did receive requested Certificates of Insurance for 2 classes/events since that date

- Bard is working with their insurance broker to get us a policy quote - Bard pays \$150,000 annually for their supplemental liability policy which has a deductible of \$3,000,000 for each claim
- Until we have a policy (as well as a separate Officers & Directors policy?), LLI members are personally responsible for any claims or legal representation
- DO NOT DO ANY "OUTSIDE" LLI sponsored member activities (such as Bocce or Pickleball-although they ended for the season in October) until we get an insurance policy
- Lyn will contact Susan Christofferson to change our webpage regarding these outside events
- Collin: We all should individually have Umbrella Insurance policies (which are part of Car and/or Home insurance bundles)

@ 9:12am - Meeting now managed by Mary

Collin

- Parking on Campus (Survey-Update)
 - Received robust reviews and input
 - Concerned that once survey results are received there might not be sufficient data input to coordinate requests
 - Concerned about insurance coverage
 - Next step: Hold off on launching carpooling survey to members until LLI insurance is in place

Chuck

- Hybrid classes (Update)
 - Chuck included in his proposal that there would be 3 hybrid classes for Spring '26 semester although we agreed to have 1 class
 - The 1 class will be the class that Chuck is presenting
 - It is not feasible to add any other classes since this is still in the experimental phase

Collin

- Election 2026 (Update)
 - A team has been established: Council's 4 At-Large Council members, Laura Brown, Barbara Danish, Carol DeBartolis - they are ready to move forward
 - Lyn continues to look for new LLI members that may be interested in a Council position
 - All Council members please come up with some suggestions as well
 - Election Committee will be meeting in early December (date TBD) to establish the candidates list

Grace

- Mentor/Mentee Initiative (Update)
 - Progress has been made! Mailchimp survey produced quite a few interested people, goal is 10-20 people participating
 - Once participants are established, Maureen @ Bard will be contacted to have a meeting to establish what will be needed for the program to make sense and succeed

Mary

- No meeting in December
- 3rd Monday in January is Martin Luther King Day, therefore our next meeting will be
 - Tuesday, January 20, 2026 @ 9:30am via Zoom

Existing Policies For Review

Susan

- **ORG 07/24**

LLI at Bard College depends on members becoming involved to facilitate the operations of this all-volunteer organization. To that end, members are encouraged to join committee and team meetings to get a sense of the depth and breadth of the work that is done on a regular basis. First, to become a member of a committee or team, the individual must be a current member of LLI. Second, a member who wishes to join any monthly meeting as a guest will not be interviewed or questioned in any way. At the discretion of the Chair, guests will quietly observe the meeting until the end, when they may be asked to speak if they wish. Third, members who wish to join a committee or team can expect **to contribute to the Committee and/or Team that they decide to join.**

**Adopted July, 2024

- “Missing” line added to policy
- Discussion regarding sentence (underlined) about joining a monthly meeting - needs to be reworded
- Tabled until January meeting

- **PROG 04/22**

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- Chuck suggested we add something regarding AI
- Cathy will reword for approval at January meeting

- **PROG 05/18-B.**

LLI presenters are volunteers from LLI's membership, the community, and Bard College faculty. LLI does not offer honorariums. **Reviewed in August '24

No Changes

Reports on File:

Vice Presidents' reports	Grace McKay VP2 and Collin Lovas VP1
Curriculum Committee	Mary McClellan
Governance - Finance	
Membership Development	Lyn Walker
Program Support	Carmela Gersbeck
CCE Liaison Report	Jill Lundquist
Civic Engagement Team	
Communications Team	

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting by Grace, seconded by Collin, all in favor
Mary adjourned the meeting at 9:40am

Next LLI Council Meeting: Tuesday, January 20, 2026 @ 9:30am/Zoom

Submitted by,
Susan Simon, Secretary